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SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, the Natural Resources Committee would like to report favorably on the appointment of Craig Zeisler as an alternate to the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact. Craig Zeisler is a resident of Butte, Nebraska, has served in this capacity capably for the state of Nebraska. And I can tell you that the vote in committee was six yes, and there was two absent.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. For discussion, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to offer my approval in support of these confirmations. These two gentlemen have done yeoman work for the state under, like Senator Schrock said, some very difficult circumstances. Dr. Hayden is one of those perfectionist economists who does an outstanding job, knows his territory, and does it well, and is impeccable in his approach to things. And I think that he has had to...he was confronted by some difficulties on that board. The rest of the board of...that compact, each state has a member. The other four states wouldn't allow Mr. Hayden...Dr. Hayden to even come to an Exec Session one time. And their reason was that they were going to talk about a lawsuit that Nebraska had with them. And it was this little action that encouraged me to bring legislation that would take us out of the compact. And we're going to do that...try that again this year. And I just fully support both these gentlemen; they're very hard workers and they do well for our state. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Further discussion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, on both of these appointments I want to make my disclaimer. I missed the last one. My "no" vote has nothing to do with the two individuals, but to continue the protest that I'm making about the way appointments have been made by the Governor. But on this issue of the nuclear waste facility, I just want to let Senator Dierks and others on this floor know that the people in this Legislature have allowed themselves to be bamboozled,